



Boyne Bulletin

BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

February 2009

Mon 2nd	Enrichment program Yr 4-7 starts 2:15 – 3:00
Tues 2nd	Beginners Wind&Brass Wk
Tues 2nd	Choir Year 4 to 7 Lunchtime 11:15–11:45
Tues 3rd	Parent meetings Prep, 2-5, 7 P&C General Meeting at 7pm – Admin Building
Wed 4th	Year 6SS - Parent meeting
Wed 4th	NRL Community Visit 12 – 1
Wed 4th	Beginners strings – 1st wk I
Wed 4th	String Ensemble - 7:45am
Wed 4th	PC Swim Nominations due
Thurs 5th	Beginners strings – 1st wk
Thurs 5th	Tuchshop Volunteers Welcome 9 – 10am
Fri 6th	Student Leader Induction 9:00am
Thur 12th	RE starts
Fri 13th	Wind, Brass Ensemble starts 7:30am
Mon 16th	Girls Soccer -1st game
Thur 19th & Fri 20th	Year 7 Excursion
Wed 25th	PrepCC & P1J Excursion
Sat 28th	Clean Up Australia Day

MARCH

Mon 2nd	Year 6 BIECC Excursion
Fri 6th	Uniform Free Day
Tues 17th	Rugby league – 1st game
Mon 30th	Parent Interviews start

APRIL

Wed 1st	School Cross Country
Tues 7th	Open Night
Thur 9th	Last day Term 1
Fri 10th	Good Friday

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2009 school year! It marks my 19th year in state education and over a decade as a Principal. I am looking forward to starting the year at Boyne Island after 6 months getting acquainted! I have been very impressed with the start to the school year and I must congratulate students on their enthusiasm and behaviour to start. The feeling in all classrooms has been very positive, and seeing the uniform supported is appreciated. May we all have a year of working together to achieve the best outcomes with the opportunities we create.

A very special welcome to our new and first-time students! My very best wishes go to you for a wonderful year.

Classes started smoothly and with a minimum of fuss thanks to the support of parents. Thank you. Most booklists look to have been filled with the 'Tracker' of the new Maths text causing the major hiccup.

The start to the 2009 school year is a time to remind students that at the core of our values are **Respect** and **Effort**. Being **Safe** and taking **Responsibility** for our actions are also included at the heart of what we think it takes to be "A healthy mind in a healthy body".

I think that it will be a great year – and one in which we see our school continue to move ahead in a very focussed and sustainable way. Some new initiatives for 2009 that we are looking at developing and refining.

HOME READING

All students are expected to participate in structured home reading until they achieve the Reading Level 30 (12 ½ years).

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Students in Year 4 to 7 were asked to nominate their interest from a selection of 10 areas that are being offered on Monday afternoons. (Maths – real life problem solving; Science – electricity, inventions, magnets & machines; Literacy – ready, set, write; Fitness for Life; Craft; Art; Speech & Drama, Computers and Science; Green & Healthy, Strategy games). The majority of students got their first preferences with those who didn't to get priority next Term.

The Program is designed to give students some choice over their curriculum, extend and enrich students into activities they may not get the opportunity to experience or to pursue an interest area.

LOTE

Students in Year 5 to 7 indicated their interest in either doing 60 minutes of "Study of Indonesian" that will be listed as an Other Learning Area on their Reports. Those choosing to do an extra 45 minutes of Language studies will have that reported as LOTE. Both will be reported against the 5 point, A to E scale.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

For 2009, the Instrumental music program will be strengthened with morning ensembles for Strings (Wednesday 7:45am) and Wind, Brass and Percussion (Friday 7:30am) being offered. Beginners week for new students commences this week with continuing students starting lessons in Week 3.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTING COMPETITION

For Term 1, Girls Soccer coached by Mrs O'Connor and Rugby League coached by Mr Olive will be training and competing. Both teams will look fantastic with the new sporting jerseys provided by the Student Council.

CHOIR

Choir for Year 4 to 7 is being offered as a lunchtime extra –curricular activity on Tuesday. Later in the Term students in Year 5 to 7 can elect to study Recorder.

Principal Matters

PARENT MEETINGS

Most classes will be holding a Parent Meeting this Tuesday afternoon to discuss the daily operation of their classes. A couple of classes (Year 1's and Year 6SS) are holding or have held theirs at a differing time.

The opportunity for teachers and parents to meet early on in the school year is advantageous in forming an early home/school partnership. Each teacher will present information and will be available for general enquiries at other times for parents with more than 1 class to visit.

Parents are encouraged to circulate between the differing classrooms as required, and teachers will present the aspects of their classroom's operation. It is an excellent opportunity to discuss common expectations and to communicate any special needs.

WHO'S WHO

Welcome to Boyne Island State School to our new families. Most people know their class teacher but not always the other staff available to help and support the School's operations. We trust you will enjoy the safe and desirable learning environment our community offers. Below is a staff list with new or returning staff highlighted in bold.

Music Specialist	Janet POPE
Phys Ed	Rachel BURKE
Teacher Librarian	Justine CROMPTON
LOTE Specialist	SUMADI
Special Needs	Lisa DOLLERY
Guidance Officer	Katrina DALTON
Support Teacher (LD)	Janelle McHUGH
Deputy Principal	Cathryn MURDOCH
TEACHER AIDE	
Teacher Aide	Jen WILLS
Teacher Aide	Rhonda COX
Teacher Aide	Mary BEGLER
Teacher Aide	Kerrie HORNER
Teacher Aide	Lennie LARSEN
ANCILLARY	
Cleaner	Sneh CHAND
Cleaner	Tricia HOGG
Cleaner	Deidre COLLINS
Business Services Manager	Kerrie HAMILTON
Administrative Officer	Melissa HANSON
Schools Officer	Paul FINLAY
Computer Technician	John PARKER
Instrumental Strings	Irene MILIC
Instrumental Percussion, Wood & Brass	Jenny BALDWIN

The support of the Uniform has got off to a fantastic start. Not many reminders about the School Dress Code have been necessary. Please note that all items, particularly hats and jumpers need to be labelled.

NRL One community visit

The National Rugby League will be running its 'One Community' Carnivals to harness the strong profile of Rugby League and work across all levels of the game to help make a positive difference in people's lives. The programs run also encourage children to engage in school, learning and a healthy lifestyle.

Boyne Island will be visited on Wednesday 4th February from 12 – 1pm

The players will be either from the Broncos, Eels or Souths and could include either Rhys Wesser, Jamie Simpson, PJ Marsh, Dave Taylor and/or Nick Kenny.

Bell Times

The change in the bell time has been successfully implemented. Students seem to appreciate having 2 opportunities to stretch their legs throughout the day

9:00 - 11:00	Session 1
11:00 – 11:45	Morning Break
11:45 – 1:15	Session 2
1:15 – 1:45	Afternoon Break
1:45 – 3:00	Session 3

You Can Do It Awards - Bronze, Silver, Gold

Students who demonstrate the aspects of Diligence, Getting Along, Organisation, Resilience and Confidence are given 'Keys' in each of these areas by staff when they see examples of the desired behaviours. Students collect these "keys" and are awarded Recognition Certificates at determined levels. The 3 levels this year will be renamed Bronze, Silver and Gold (formerly Mini, Mega, Maxi) so there is good community understanding about the relative effort associated with each level.

School Leader Induction

The 2009 Student leaders will be inducted at the parade on Friday. They take an important Pledge that guides the responsibility associated with the positions.

"We agree to undertake the duties and responsibilities given to us as School Captains/ Student Councillors/House Captains. We will uphold and support the values of Boyne Island State School and at all times strive to set a worthy example to our fellow students."

HOUSE CAPTAINS	STUDENT COUNCIL	SCHOOL LEADERS
POSSUMS	Jocelyn Anderson	School Captains
Siarra Webber	Tayla Bradley	Brittiany Johnson
Steven MacDonald	Lydia Hoiberg	Jeremy Robinson
WOMBATS	Kelanie Irvin	Vice Captains
Olivia Corry	Laura Roddy	Jessica Hurst
Matthew Boyce	Shaayal Sagar	Vacant – filled near Easter
GOANNAS	Courtney Schofield	
Kate Janson		
Jake Larson		

Year 5 & 6 students nominated and elected their class representatives to the Student Council

Ebony Yasso 6/7O
Joshua Liaw 6SS
Abbey Hurst 5O
Ryan Flintham 5M

In addition to these formal positions all students are encouraged to take responsibilities within our school. For example, Sports Room Monitors – Year 6, Flag raising - Year 4&5 (currently Mr Olive's class), Prep Buddies, Playground Duty Bags – Year 7

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

A commitment is made that letters are sent home or a phone call made when students are referred to the Office for Behaviour concerns to ensure parents are aware of any developing behaviour issues. Any students failing to respond to interventions from teachers get referred to the Administration. Ideally we want students to be in control of their behaviour and considerate of their actions so that they only have positive effects on the learning environment.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to all of the students below who have demonstrated to their Class Teachers and classmates that **"They Could Do It !"** We are all very proud of your efforts. Well done everyone!

	30/1/09	
PCC	Brianna Leeson - For showing confidence in settling into the Prep routine.	Jakki CAMMAN / Kim CRAIG
P/1J	Kelsey Smulders - For getting along with her class mates.	Brooke JACKLIN
1F	Riley Clow-Irvin - Excellent listening and organisational skills	Karen FARLEY
1S	Samuel Pitt - Being an active and enthusiastic class member	Amanda Griffith temporarily replacing Kaylene SWEENEY
2J	Matty Bailey - Starting the new year with confidence	Helen JEAVONS
3C	Ethan Johnson - Great enthusiasm and working with confidence	Sharron CLISSOLD
3W	Britney Schofield - Demonstrating wonderful enthusiasm during her first week	Donna WHITE
4HC	Lily Mitchell - Demonstrating great enthusiasm for written work	Carol HORTON / Holly CLOW
4/5M		Debbie MARCUS
5O	Abbey Hurst - Consistently finishing her work quickly, neatly and correctly	Trevor OLIVE
6SS		Robyn STEWART / Julie STORCH
6/7O	Kaleb Murray - For persistence in his maths mentals	Colleen O'CONNOR
7V	Dominic Finlay - An excellent start to number facts	Eva VARCOE

Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Effort.

Support Teachers Role

You may be aware that changes were made to the role of Support Teacher: Learning Difficulties in 2008. My role as support teacher now encompasses the following areas: Analysing data from statewide testing, class results (collated on the report card) and school based reading assessment to determine a child's strengths and weaknesses in their learning. This is a collaborative process between the class teacher, the principal, the deputy principal and myself. From this information we are then able to plan and implement programs to address a child's learning needs. Depending on the focus for each child I work with them in an individual or small group situation either in the classroom or in the support room for an allocated time each week.

Janelle Mc Hugh
Support Teacher

Guidance Officer Role

I would like to welcome back all of the students and their families to the 2009 school year, especially all of the new families to Boyne Island State School. As the Guidance Officer for Boyne Island State School I am available at the school each Thursday. My role as a Guidance Officer involves assessing children's intellectual ability and providing advice and support to parents and teachers regarding educational outcomes for students. I also provide personal counselling and support to students and their families who may be experiencing emotional problems or behavioural difficulties that are affecting their learning at school. If you have any concerns about your child and wish to discuss it, please make an appointment through the school office.

Katrina Dalton
Guidance Officer

USB's for Sale

Pen Drives (USB's) 1GB are now available at the School Office for \$10. Years 4 to 7 have this item on their booklist in 2009.

PREPAYMENT OPTION FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2009

We are continuing to offer the prepayment option for school activities in 2009 following support and positive feedback from parents. Under this scheme, payments for school activities for the year can be made in advance in one payment, saving both parents and office staff time in receipting and money handling. Notes will be sent home with students within the next few weeks with details and payment options.

Return Of Resources

An appeal for any school materials that have found their way home, to be returned to the school. Each resource that is not available for use puts a cost on the school. Please check at home for any school resources and have them returned.

Uniform Shop

At the moment uniforms are available from the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Currently we are sold out of size 10 shirts. These won't be available until March.

Student Banking

We are looking for volunteers to help with Student Banking on a Wednesday morning from 9:00 am to 10:00 am approx. Please leave your name at the school office if you are available to help.

Tuckshop News

Donations needed this fortnight are: tinned beetroot, vegemite, plastic spoons, plastic knives, large plastic plates.

The Tuckshop will be operating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays – **First Break only**. Please place your child's lunch order in the class Tuckshop box with their name, class and order on a brown paper bag.

Boyne Primary School Tuckshop invites all new parents to a morning tea at the Tuckshop from 9am to 10am on Thursday 5th February for a volunteer sign on day. Come and have a Cuppa with us.

Thanks

Amanda Wooldridge
Tuckshop Convenor
4973 2830 / 0427 738507

School Crossing

Crossing Supervisors are on duty at the Malpas Street pedestrian crossing from 7:55 am – 8:55 am and 2:50 pm – 3:20 pm.

General Crossing Rules

- No bikes, skateboards, scooters, roller blades etc are to be ridden on the crossing – **WALKING ONLY PERMITTED**.
- When approaching the school crossing, there is a white line painted on the path. Children and adults are to remain behind this line until the crossing supervisor has stepped out onto the road and has blown **two short whistles** to indicate to pedestrians to cross the road.
- If **one long whistle** is blown; the crossing supervisor is indicating that there is an emergency; and pedestrians are to leave the crossing quickly, without running.

If your child / children are using the school crossing please make them aware of these rules for their safety.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BITS Junior Golf

2009 Sign On Day, 8.30 - 11.30am, Saturday, 7th February, will include free BBQ, coaching clinics, and game.

BITS Junior Golf caters for girls and boys 3 to 17 years. Golf is a surprisingly low cost sport that can be played Summer, Winter or all year round, but with the advantage of no weekly commitment.

Benefits include exercise, skills acquisition, personal development, social interaction, and achievement - regardless at which level the child plays. Golf is also one of a few sports you can play for life!

Our club has a supportive environment that helps novice parents and children learn about the game of golf, including loan golf equipment for children to come and try.

For further information contact Sonia Horley, President, 4973 9622, or Andrea Hughes, Secretary, 4973 2991/email mhughes@eftel.net.au.

Junior Hockey Players Wanted

Yaralla Hockey Club is looking for junior players aged 5 years and above to join them for the 2009 season. The sign on will

be held on Sunday February 15 at Yaralla Sports Club top oval at 4 pm. A free sausage sizzle will be provided. For more information or to register interest call Sue Williams on 0403 867 352.

Tennis News

Go to www.tannumtennis.com.au

or ring Ali Bird 0429895670 for all your junior tennis sign up news.

Gladstone Junior Golf

Commenced Sunday 1st February. New members are welcome. For more information please phone 49782649.

Devil's Netball Club

Sign on day is on Saturday 7th February from 2-4pm at the netball courts in Side Street. Everyone is welcome from the ages of 7 and up to seniors, so tell your friends and bring them along. For more information please call Monica on 4978 0250 or Tania on 4978 0244.

What's My Trade

'What's My Trade?' is a totally hands on experience where children can 'have a go' and actually construct something and take it home.

It is for all age groups and is available to both primary and secondary school children.

The 2009 event will be held at the GAGAL Technical Trades Centre, 28 Beckinsale Street, Gladstone on Saturday 7th March from 8:30 to 12 noon.

Trades to try will include: Floor laying, carpentry, bricklaying, simulated crane driving, painting, plumbing, motor mechanics, hospitality, horticulture, warehousing, hairdressing, welding and lots, lots more.

For further information contact Cherie on 4972 5988 or email promotions@gagal.com.au

All participants MUST be wearing fully closed in shoes to enter and participate in the event.

TAXATION CHANGES

The Education Tax Refund legislation was signed off on 9 December 2008. Information is available from the Australian Taxation Office web site. The ATO site advises the following in relation to eligible and ineligible expenses:

Eligible education expenses:

You can claim the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and running any of the following items:

- laptop computers and home computers
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, as well as disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use including word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software; and internet filters and antivirus software
- school textbooks and other paper based school learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- prescribed trade tools.

You cannot claim for:

- school fees, school uniform expenses, student attendance at school based extra curricular activities such as excursions, tutoring costs, musical instruments, sporting equipment, school subject levies, and computer games and consoles.

Parents are advised to keep both the invoice and receipt to substantiate a claim for eligible items.

School personnel are not qualified to provide financial or tax advice to parents. Specific advice to parents on the Education Tax Refund should be provided by a qualified tax agent or the Australian Taxation Office.

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